

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 267
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A RESOLUTION To honor Jacqueline Nash for her outstanding service to the General Assembly as Research Analyst for the Senate Education Committee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting for the members of this Body to recognize those exemplary professionals who throughout their tenure as employees of the legislative branch of Tennessee government have rendered their invaluable services with both proficiency and acumen during the annual sessions of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Nash is one such stalwart legislative employee who is richly deserving of the commendation and respect of the members whom she has so faithfully served; and

WHEREAS, As a Research Analyst throughout her illustrious tenure with the General Assembly, Jackie has demonstrated the true magnitude and worth of her clear and concise political skills and has proven herself to be a highly reliable source of information concerning the General Assembly and its proceedings; and

WHEREAS, She was renowned among members of the General Assembly and her colleagues alike for her well-honed research and informative reports on the various legislative proposals pending in the Senate Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jackie was of invaluable assistance to, and a trusted friend and confidante of, Education Committee Chairman and former State Senator Andy Womack, Sandi Jones and the other members of the Committee and staff; and

WHEREAS, A native of White House in her beloved Robertson County, Jackie graduated from Union University and came to Capitol Hill as a legislative intern for the Senate Education Committee and Chairman Anna Belle Clement O'Brien; and

WHEREAS, After a brief tenure with the Internal Revenue Service, she returned to the Tennessee political scene as Research Analyst for the Senate Commerce Labor and Agriculture Committee and Chairman Carl Moore, in which position she quickly established a reputation as one of the best and brightest analysts to serve in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her adroit service with the Senate Education Committee, Jackie enjoyed a long and successful tenure as Research Analyst for the Senate Transportation Committee, first under the leadership of Senator Joe "Nip" McKnight and later under Senator Ed Davis; and

WHEREAS, As Research Analyst for the Senate Education Committee, she demonstrated extraordinary sensitivity to the needs of local schools and state universities and colleges; and

WHEREAS, Jackie served in this role at a time of considerable opportunity for bringing about improvement in the accountability of public education throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Her talents were used well by Chairman Womack and other members of the Senate Education Committee in evaluating the programs and financial needs incident to improving education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Her efforts were well recognized by the Commissioner of Education and the heads of the state university and community college systems; and

WHEREAS, Lovingly referred to by her peers as "Jackie Belle" during her days in Senator O'Brien's office, Jackie is currently the Executive Assistant for Research for House Majority Leader Representative Gene Davidson, and has already established an equally distinguished and proficient record of public service during her brief time in that important position; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Nash is well-known by her colleagues in the legislature as a brilliant political mastermind with an uncanny ability to analyze and process information; her formulas for success are accurate and dependable but grounded in common sense; she is also an extremely loyal friend who is indefatigable in "the trenches during battle"; and

WHEREAS, Jackie is a proud, albeit long-suffering, fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Vanderbilt Commodores, but has been known to profess admiration for Pat Summitt on occasion; and

WHEREAS, Her many personal and professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her family, including her parents, Billy and Jacqueline Nash; and her siblings, Ellen, Martha, Andy, and the late beloved Libby; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that the elected representatives of this state should proudly proclaim their admiration for one of the legislative branch's most gifted and highly-admired employees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Jacqueline Nash for her outstanding service to the General Assembly as Research Analyst for the Senate Education Committee, and extend to her our best wishes in her present and future endeavors in the House Majority Leader's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Jackie with this final clause deleted from such copy.